

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Examiner, and without addressing any of the Examiner's arguments as made therein, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-4, drawn to nucleic acids. In addition, pursuant to the election requirement set forth at Page 6 of the Official Action, Applicant elects group (a), Cpa1, SEQ ID NOS. 1 and 2.

Examination and allowance of the elected claims is thus earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Aaron Schulman", written over a horizontal line.

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